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SUBJECT: STATUS OF INDONESIAN OPERATIONS IN TIMOR;
CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY.

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM
SENATOR HUMPHREY:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

IT HAS BEEN SOME TIME SINCE OUR COMMITTEE RECEIVED A REPORT
ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN TIMOR. AT YOUR EARLY CONVEN-
IENCE I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING, ON BEHALF OF THE SUB-
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, A REPORT ON THE PRESENCE
OF U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN THE AREA FORMERLY KNOWN AS
EAST TIMOR, AND THE DETAILS AND YOUR ANALYSIS OF REPORTED
CONTINUING FIGHTING IN THAT AREA.

YOUR COOPERATION WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. END QUOTE

2. WOULD APPRECIATE URGENTLY EMBASSY UPDATE OF MILITARY
SITUAION IN EAST TIMOR WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO
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QUESTIONS RAISED BY SENATOR HUMPHREY: WHAT IS EXTENT OF

ACTUAL FIGHTING AND WHAT IS SITUATION AS REGARDS USE BY
INDONESIAN FORCES OF US-SUPPLIED WEAPONS. HABIB

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